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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, March 26, 2021, at 2 p.m.

Senate

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The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JACKY ROSEN, a Senator from the State of Nevada.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, who sends the rain that satisfies the parched Earth, we honor Your Name.

Today, give our lawmakers the wisdom to understand that You are their sure foundation. Inspire them to seek Your guidance as they strive to do Your will. Lead them by Your truth and teach them, for You are the God who saves them.

May their quest to fulfill Your purposes motivate them to bring You their requests and to wait patiently for Your response.

Lord, show them clearly what to do and which way to turn. Surround them with the shield of Your love.

We pray in Your marvelous Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication

to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 25, 2021.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JACKY ROSEN, a Senator from the State of Nevada, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
President pro tempore.

Ms. ROSEN thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 963 and H.R. 1868

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, first, I understand that there are two bills at the desk due for a second reading en bloc.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The leader is correct.

The clerk will read the bills by title for a second time.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 963) to authorize dedicated domestic terrorism offices within the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to analyze and monitor domestic terrorist activity and require the Federal Government to take steps to prevent domestic terrorism, and for other purposes.

A bill (H.R. 1868) to prevent across-the-board direct spending cuts, and for other purposes.

Mr. SCHUMER. In order to place the bills on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I would object to further proceeding en bloc.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection having been heard, the bills will be placed on the calendar.

BUSINESS BEFORE THE SENATE

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, despite unprecedented obstacles, the Senate has had an extremely productive first period of business.

It has been a little over 60 days since Democrats assumed the majority in the Senate and Joe Biden was sworn in as President. In that relatively short amount of time, the Senate has confirmed every available Cabinet Secretary—a group filled with a bevy of historic firsts—faster than under the prior two administrations.

Every single Cabinet nominee has received a bipartisan vote of approval here on the floor, a tribute to their character, their qualifications, and their caliber.

The Senate also conducted a fair and honest impeachment trial of the former President, resulting in the largest and most bipartisan conviction

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